

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-22 (cancelled)

23. (new) A system of coding letters in an alphabet for word pronunciation comprising:

(a) a first code indicator for association in position with one letter or one group of letters in a word for indicating a lower case letter sound of the first indicator associated letter or group of letter;

(b) a second code indicator for association in position with one letter or one group of letters in a word for indicating an upper case letter sound of the second indicator associated letter or group of letter;

(c) a third code indicator for association in position with one letter or one group of letters in a word for indicating a silent sound attributed to the third indicator associated letter or group of letter; and

(d) a fourth code indicator for association in position with one letter or one group of letters in a word for indicating use of a sound varied from the lower case or upper case letter sound of the fourth indicator associated letter or group of letters, and having a variation sign for indicating that the associated letter or group of letters being a sound varied from the lower case or upper case letter sound of the fourth indicator associated letter or group of letters, and a variation symbol for indicating a specific variation sound of a set of predetermined variation sounds for the fourth code associated letter or group of letters; and

(e) wherein said first, second and third codes indicators being non alpha signs.

24. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the first code indicator being associated with a group of two or more letters for indicating blending of the sounds of the first code associated group of letters.

25. (new) The system according to claim 24 wherein the first code indicator being positionable in between adjacent letters in the group of letters for indicating blending of the sounds of the adjacent letters.

26. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the first code indicator is a dot (.) sign positioned adjacent to the first code associated letter or group of letters.

27. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the second code indicator being associated with a group of two or more letters for indicating blending of the sounds of the second code associated group of letters.

28. (new) The system according to claim 27 wherein the second code indicator being selectively extendable for association with the group of letters for indicating blending of the sounds of the second code associated letters.

29. (new) The system according to claim 27 wherein the second code indicator is a dash (-) sign positioned adjacent to the second code associated letter or group of letters.

30. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the third code indicator being selectively extendable for association with

a group of two or more letters for indicating a silent sound of the third code associated group of letters.

31. (new) The system according to claim 30 wherein the third code indicator is a box (□) sign positioned to contain the third code associated letter or group of letters therein.

32. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the fourth code indicator being selectively extendable for association with a group of two or more letters for indicating use of a sound varying from the sounds of the lower case or upper case letters.

33. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the variation sign being in the form of a tilde (~) sign.

34. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the variation symbols for indicating variation sounds including lower case letters for indicating corresponding lower case letter sounds, upper case letters for indicating corresponding upper case letter sounds, and numerals for indicating respective other specific variation sounds of the set of predetermined variation sounds.

35. (new) The system according to claim 34 wherein the numerals include "1" for the "aow" sound, "2" for the "ar" sound, "3" for the "er" sound, "4" for the "OOe" sound, "5" for the "Or" sound, and "6" for the "ou" sound.

36. (new) The system according to claim 23 wherein the lower case letter sounds include the sounds for "a", "b", "c", "ch", "d", "e", "f", "g", "h", "i", "j", "k", "l", "m", "n", "o", "p", "q", "r", "s", "sh", "t", "th", "u", "v", "w", "x", "y", and "z" and the upper case letter sounds include "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "ef=F", "G", "Ach=H", "I", "ja=J", "kA=K", "el=L", "em=M", "en=N",

"O", "P", "Cu=Q", "ar=R", "es=S", "T", "U", "V", "dbl U=W", "ex=X", "wI=Y", AND "zed=Z".

37. (new) An alphabet sound card including corresponding lower case letters and upper case letters arranged in groups, and variation sounds, and associated with the code indicators arranged according to the system as claimed in claim 23.

38. (new) The card according to claim 37 further including pictorial means and/or words associated with a letter or letters for guiding use of appropriate sound(s) for the letter(s).

39. (new) A booklet including words and letters in one or more of the words being arranged according to the system as claimed in claim 23.

40. (new) A computer program including means for generating words formed with one or more letters, and means for associating the letter or letters of each of the words with a code indicator(s) and wherein the code indicators being arranged according to the system as claimed in claim 23.

41. (new) The computer program according to claim 40 wherein further including sound generating means arranged to generate an appropriate sound signal for the or each of the associated code indicator.

42. (new) The computer program according to claim 40 wherein the sound generating means having a number of audio messages and a message selector associated with each letter or word or a passage for selecting one or more predetermined audio messages, and being arranged to generate an appropriate sound signal corresponding to the one or more predetermined audio messages when a message selector is selected.

43. (new) An electronic device including a visual display unit, storage means, processing means and a computer program as claimed in claim 40, wherein the computer program being stored in the storage means and the processing means is arranged to generate words in respond to instructions from the computer program and to display the generated words on the visual display unit.

44. (new) The electronic device according to claim 43 wherein the processing means being arranged to cause an audio arrangement to produce sounds in according with the generated sound signals from the sound generating means.